

REMARKS

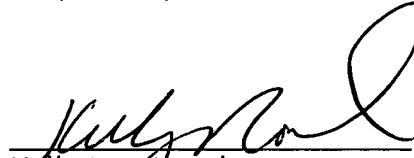
The Examiner has restricted the invention of the subject application to one of the following inventions:

Group I	Claims 1-16	Drawn to a method of forming solder joints.
Group II	Claims 17-20	Drawn to a circuit assembly.

The claims of Group I are drawn to a method forming solder joints. The claims of Group II are drawn to a circuit assembly. It is respectfully submitted that the two groups are therefore co-extensive and Applicants respectfully submit that a search pertaining to one of the above-identified groups would necessarily encompass subject matter of the other group and separate searches for each group would be unwarranted and duplicative. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and an action on the merits of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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